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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 |                           | Attorney's Docket Number<br>040894-7160             |
| International Application. No.   | International Filing Date | U.S. Application No. <b>10/520134</b><br>Unassigned |
| PCT/JP03/08003   | June 24, 2003             | Priority Date Claimed<br>July 4, 2002               |

Title of Invention: STAPLE REMAINING AMOUNT DETECTING APPARATUS IN ELECTRIC STAPLER

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Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ was transmitted by the International Bureau.
6. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
7. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).
8. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).
11. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.
13. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and § 3.31 is included.
14. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. PCT/ISA/210
  - b. PCT/IB/308
  - c. PCT/ISA/304
  - d. PCT/RO/101
  - e. PCT/RO/105
  - f. WO 2004/004981 (Cover Page only)

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16. ☒ The following fees are submitted:  
Basic National Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

**NATIONAL STAGE BASIC FEE AMOUNT** = \$ 300.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than

- ☐ 20 ☒ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)).

| Claims   | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate       |                    |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| Total Claims   | 6 - 20 =     | 0            | X \$50.00  | \$                 |
| Independent Claims   | 2 - 3 =      | 0            | X \$200.00 | \$                 |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)  |              |              | + \$360.00 | \$                 |
| Application Size Fee - \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100   |              |              |            | \$                 |
| Search Fee   |              |              | \$500.00   | \$ 500.00          |
| Examination Fee  |              |              | \$200.00   | \$ 200.00          |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>   |              |              |            | \$1,000.00         |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable.<br>Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)   |              |              |            | -\$                |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |              |            | <b>\$ 1,000.00</b> |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(f)). |              |              |            | +\$                |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |              |            | <b>\$ 1,000.00</b> |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)).<br>The Assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet<br>(37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property                                |              |              |            | \$ 40.00           |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |              |            | <b>\$ 1,040.00</b> |
| Amount to be refunded  |              |              |            | \$                 |
| Amount to be charged   |              |              |            | \$ 1,040.00        |


- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.  
b. ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of **\$1,040.00** to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
c. ☒ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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